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Apprentice Mass Graduation Ceremony Set Friday Night; 100 Will Get Certificates

More than 100 apprentices of 18 different crafts in Monterey County will receive journeymen certificates at a mass graduation program and dinner at Mission Ranch in Carmel, starting at 7:15 p.m. Friday, highlight of the current session of the California Apprenticeship Council convention.

Program for the completion ceremonies was announced by Earle Meyer, state apprentice training representative at Monterey, who said that all reservations had been taken for the dinner and program, indicating a record crowd. Dancing will follow the program. Service and music will be by union members.

Invocation will be said by the Reverend Merle Tollefson, of Salinas, followed by welcome by A. D.

OPEN HOUSE!

Friday is "open house" day at the California Apprenticeship Council convention at Mission Ranch, Carmel. The general public may attend sessions from 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. Questions will be answered and the apprenticeship program explained in detail. Interested parties are urged to attend.

Radio Station KSBW will broadcast the talk of Archie J. Mooney from the apprenticeship graduation program, from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, according to a late announcement.

Jacobson, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors. Greetings will be from E. H. Vernon, chairman of the California Apprenticeship Council.

Keynote address will be given by Archie J. Mooney, chief, State Division of Apprenticeship. Other speakers include representatives of labor, management and schools, including: Charles A. Beebe, of Waters & Beebe Automotive Service, Monterey; W. K. Ward, of Ward Armature Works, Salinas; Paul Day, Monterey electrician; Gustaf Nelson, Salinas carpenter; Harold Dickey, mechanic apprentice; Aaron Wagner, mill and cabinet apprentice; Calvin C. Cope, Monterey school representative, and C. I. Bentley, Salinas school representative.

Completion certificates will be presented to the graduating apprentices by chairman of joint apprentice committees, including: Leslie Parker, Salinas automotive; Gustaf Nelson, Salinas carpentry; W. K. Ward, Salinas electrical; Dennis Hartman, Salinas painters; Kenneth Baggett, Salinas plumbing; Fred Random, Salinas plastering; M. B. Messinger, Monterey automotive; Einar Hansen, Monterey carpentry; Clayton Norquist, Monterey electrical; Lee Stewart, Monterey painting; Clarence Tabler, county-wide brick masonry; Robert Lewis, county-wide sheet metal, and Archie J. Mooney, presenting certificates to those in training under industrial plant standards as individuals.

Everlys Feted On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Everly were honored at a party on Sunday, April 16, on their 25th wedding anniversary, friends report. Bro. Everly was business agent of Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas for some time and is widely known by Salinas unionists. Among those attending the party were members of Local 503, co-workers, officials and members of other unions, and others, it was reported.



ARCHIE J. MOONEY

Jurisdictional Dispute Closes PG&E Project

Pickets were placed last week before the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam generating plant construction project at Moss Landing as result of a jurisdictional dispute between Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503 and Boilermakers Union 6 over which craft has the work of welding bearing brackets to boiler tubes.

As result of the picketing by members of Local 503, some 1,200 workers at the Stone & Webster project were idle. The workers involved are employed by C. C. Moore Co., which is installing the boilers.

Bus. Mgr. E. R. Arbuckle of Local 503 said that he had issued cards to operating personnel employed by PG&E to cross the picket lines to keep the generating plant in operation. First of the three big generating units has been serving electricity to Salinas and Oakland areas.

Local 503 has retained Robert Morgan, San Jose AFL lawyer, to assist in the dispute. Morgan and Arbuckle were considering a court action last weekend.

This is the second dispute between these two unions over work on this project. Local 503 was awarded decision of the National Joint Board for Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes in the first difference, which involved boiler valves.

Electricians Await Job Call

Members of Electrical Workers Union 243 are expected to be called to the state prison project at Soledad in a few days, Union Business Agent Karl Ozols reports.

Electrical contractor on the project is the RPM Electric Co. of Chula Vista. The project is second unit of the big medium-security prison job.

Lara Honored By Laborites At Big Dinner

Carl Lara, president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, who resigned all local labor posts to become an American Federation of Labor organizer in Puerto Rico, was honored at a testimonial and farewell dinner last Thursday noon at Lew-Allen's Restaurant in Salinas.

Lara left by automobile on Friday for Washington, D.C., where he was to undergo special training for his new position. His wife and family has moved to Los Angeles temporarily and will travel to Puerto Rico after Lara gets settled there, friends said.

Highlight of the testimonial dinner was the presentation to Lara of a wrist watch, gift from the Central Labor Union. The presentation was made by Randolph Fenchel, who served as toastmaster for the dinner.

Those in attendance included: Lara, Fenchel, president of Laborers 272; John Mattos, secretary of Local 272; J. B. McGinley, business agent of Local 272; Karl Ozols, business manager of Electrical Workers 243; John Warburton, acting business agent and president of Painters 1104; Al Clark, secretary of Bartenders 545; Bertha Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467; John Martin, business agent for Lathers 463 and Plasters-Cement Finishers 763; Garold Miller, secretary of Retail Clerks 839; Neil Goodwin, business agent of Local 839, and Pete Greco, of Painters 1104.

Lara was president of the labor council, financial secretary and business agent of Painters 1104; secretary of the county Joint Apprenticeship Committee, secretary of the Salinas Labor League for Political Education, and secretary of the Salinas "Paint-up, Clean-up, Fix-up" week campaign committee, and active in local civic affairs.

Butler Slated For Presidency Of Salinas CLC

Vice President J. N. Butler, Jr., of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, was expected to be advanced to the council presidency to succeed Carl Lara, council president who resigned to accept an AFL organizer position. Butler is president of Salinas Barbers Union 827.

Nominations for council vice presidency were opened with Delegate J. Woods of Operating Engineers Union 39 as candidate, according to Council Secretary Garold Miller.

Shinn Elected LLPE Secretary

Robert Shinn, former president of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, was elected secretary of the Salinas Labor League for Political Education at last week's meeting. He succeeds Carl Lara, who has transferred to Puerto Rico in capacity of AFL organizer.

Neil Goodwin, organizer of Retail Clerks Union 839, was delegate from the Salinas LLPE to the State LLPE convention in San Francisco, according to Garold Miller, Salinas LLPE president.

Hoover Dam, highest structure of its kind in the world, suffered no damage from earthquakes reported recently in that area.



NOT SO DIZZY—Surrounded by reporters and television officials, Dizzy Dean signs a \$20,000-a-year contract to broadcast a daily commentary over a New York TV station. The one-time star Cardinals hurler built up a vast following when he was a St. Louis baseball announcer.

Strong State Labor Ticket

(State Fed. Release)

Speaking in the name of more than one million AFL members of the state, the pre-primary convention of the California Labor League for Political Education held on April 17th in San Francisco gave its overwhelming and enthusiastic endorsement to a full slate of labor-chosen candidates.

Heading the AFL ticket is James Roosevelt as candidate for Governor. The eldest son of the late President will stand for election on the Democratic Party platform. State Senator George Miller Jr. was endorsed for Lieutenant Governor, Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas for U. S. Senator, and incumbent Fred N. Howser for Attorney General.

Business Agents Name Officers; Meet on May 13

The Joint Board of Business Agents of the Monterey Bay Area met in Watsonville on April 8, elected new officers and scheduled the next meeting in Salinas on Saturday, May 13.

Neil Goodwin, organizer for Retail Clerks Union 389, was picked as permanent chairman of the organization, and Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas, was elected as recording secretary for the business agents.

It was voted to restrict meetings to elected business agents or secretaries of AFL unions and to eliminate other delegates from unions and to bar all guests from meetings, spokesmen said.

Meetings will continue to be luncheon affairs, on the second Saturday of each month, alternating between various cities of the Bay area. June session was tentatively slated for Monterey, although no representatives from that city have attended meetings as yet.

Get set to vote—June 6!

Approximately 500 delegates attended the first formal state LLPE convention in California Hall. Interviewing of candidates for state-wide offices was conducted Sunday, April 16, at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco.

LOCAL CANDIDATES

The 44-man interviewing committee was composed of the executive committee of the executive committee. (Continued on Back Page)

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Monterey Union Directory

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BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Chas. M. Osterloh, 230 Walnut St., phone 2-1792; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 7-4149. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 464, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Hauke, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Copon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0253; Rec. Sec., R. R. Robinson, 66 Via Chular, Mont. 5-6436. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849.

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 2-4035; Sec.-Treas., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 3-3622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hestey, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbracht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., C. J. DeMent. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674; Monterey Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Fred G. Zahner, P. O. Box 692, Seaside; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Bolin, Box 892, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-5740. Office phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT FINISHERS 337—Meets 1st Friday at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Ingram. Sec.-Treas., Dan Williams. Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142. Office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Masven, Carmel, phone 7-3536; Sec., Edward Weiner, 20 Via Encina, Monterey, phone 2-1310; Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone 2-3002. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m., Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; Sec., 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 5-3019; Sec. and Bus. Agent, Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21266.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 2-3622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Payton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

Social Security Procedure Told

The objective of old-age and survivors insurance is to pay benefits on the basis of the worker's earnings. Therefore, the Social Security Administration must have a record of the pay each worker receives.

This record is kept in the form of a separate social security account for each worker. To have an account, the worker must have a social security account number card. The worker's name, together with the number on the card, identifies his account so that wages reported for him can be properly credited to his account.

If you are employed in a mill, factory, office, store, bank, garage, hotel, cafe, boarding house, beauty parlor, or the like, you should have an account number card. You need it whether you work full time or part time, whether you are old or young.

You can get a social security card from the office of the Social Security Administration at San Jose. Or, you can get an application from your local post office, fill it out, and mail it to the social security office.

Show your card to your employer and make sure he writes down your name and social security account number exactly as they are shown on your card. This is necessary for the reports he must make to the government, showing the wages he has paid to you.

Take care of your card. It is like an insurance policy. It shows you have an insurance account with the U.S. government, under the old-age and survivors insurance system. This account is a record of the pay you receive, which counts toward your future benefits. The size of the benefits will depend upon the amount of earnings credited to your account.

110,000 HOMES BEGUN

Washington.—A record-smashing 110,000 new homes were started in March.

British Labor Party Won

By VICTOR FEATHER

Assistant Secretary, British Trades Union Congress

The Tories had the biggest disappointment in the recent elections in Britain. They did not win, and the more one examines the election figures, the more obvious it is that the alleged swing away from Labor did not materialize.

The 1945 Labor vote of 12,000,000 was increased to over 13,000,000. The Conservatives also secured a higher vote than in the 1945 elections. That is true. But they did not attract support away from that given to Labor candidates five years ago.

Generally speaking, Labor strengthened its vote in the industrial constituencies and maintained its support among the agricultural workers.

The increase in the Conservative vote came from lower middle class and middle class communities, who turned out to vote in force. Mainly for this reason: The margin between the standard of living of manual workers and of those who consider themselves "middle class" is now not so pronounced as it used to be.

Before the war the dweller in the city suburb could usually employ a low-paid domestic worker who "lived in." He could afford to run a car. Now, because of full employment, the domestic worker has found a better job in a factory. The car isn't available because of Britain's need to build up her exports.

NOT A "REVOLT"

The Tories claim their increased support at the polls was a "revolt" against nationalization and a blow for the restoration of a "free" economy. The brutal fact is that the Tory upsurge derived little from high principles but much from considerations of narrow and short-term self-interest. The Tory vote was swollen by at least 1,000,000 voters who were resentful of minor personal grievances of one kind or another.

It is difficult to compare 1950 results with 1945 because of changes which were made in constituency boundaries at this election. Of a total of 625 Parliamentary districts, only 62 remained unaltered.

These changes appear to have favored the Tories rather than Labor. Where Labor in 1945 won certain constituencies by a narrow margin and lost others decisively, this time Labor won some contests with heavier majorities and lost others by relatively few votes. There were 42 constituencies this time where Labor won with a majority of over 20,000 votes; there were only 10 such Conservative victories. There were 135 constituencies where Labor won with a majority of over 10,000 votes, but only 94 where the Tories had a similar lead.

A RECORD VOTE

Labor in 1950 received more votes than any British political party had ever secured before.

The expected failure of the Liberal Party was confirmed. The electoral organization of the Liberal Party was virtually non-existent up to a month before nomination day except in about 100 constituencies. It remained so. The methods adopted by the Liberal Party were almost incredibly adolescent. As an electoral organization the Liberals are stone dead.

The Communist campaign was a farce. Out of 100 candidates (all of whom lost), 97 polled less than the

requisite one-eighth minimum of the total poll in their constituencies, and thus lost their individual deposits of £150 each. Of the remaining three, two saved their deposits by the skin of their teeth.

The average vote of the Communist candidates was 900, whereas the average electorate in each of their constituencies was 60,000.

It was not only the Communists who failed. The four or five M.P. fellow travelers whom Labor had expelled were overwhelmed by the official candidates of the Labor Party.

2 CLEAR POINTS

Whatever else may be argued, at least two clear points have issued from the 1950 elections: (1) the British have no time for Communists and fellow travelers; (2) they have emphasized their belief in two-party government.

It is also clear that British voters dislike a position in which government may have such a measure of power and authority that it might be tempted to ignore the opposition. The margin now is too narrow; before the elections many people thought it too wide.

It is not the function of an opposition in British politics to oppose just for the sake of making difficulties. Any opposition party which set out deliberately to obstruct would suffer for it when it again sought votes.

Therefore, despite its small majority, the new Labor government will act like a government. It will carry the responsibility for governing Britain as the majority party should.

A LOT OF PROMISES

During the campaign the Tories promised easier taxation and at the same time increased expenditures on certain social services. But how they would have maintained revenue and avoided increased inflationary pressure was something they did not say.

The political sympathies and sentiments of some American economists may be with the Tories rather than Labor; but their economic souls must be comforted by the fact that it is Labor that will produce a budget and that this budget will have regard to Britain's economic state today and the need to assist recovery and development.

All the signs point to another general election in Britain soon. If the economic situation does not deteriorate—and there is no particular reason why it should—the voters will make no mistake next time. They will give a decisive victory to Labor.

Scientists have developed a method for purifying sand so that it can be used in the manufacture of high-quality glass.

Buy Gompers' stamps!



TASTY MORSEL—The girl is Gregg Sherwood. The hat she's wearing is a straw bonnet topped with doughnuts. The reason for all this is Natl. Doughnut Week.

Secretary Tobin Says Unions Cut Labor Costs

Boston.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told the National Association of Cost Accountants that labor unions can cut production costs if management will make use of the creative talents of union members.

"Most unions and an increasing number of employers look upon the very process of collective bargaining as an element in reducing production costs," Secretary Tobin said. "Peaceful labor relations cut down recurring work stoppages and unnecessary friction within a plant and so contribute to higher productivity and, therefore, to lower costs."

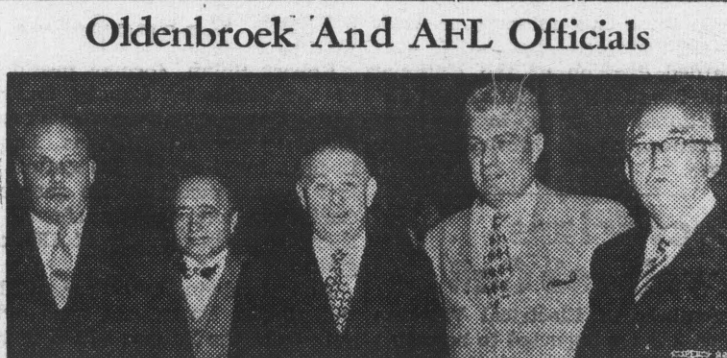
The Secretary said: "Collective bargaining is no longer a cutthroat business, but is transacted in an atmosphere of good faith built upon good works. 'The climate in a plant where true teamwork prevails, where employees have every reason to keep costs down, where management has every reason to welcome worker cooperation, is bound to show a spiritual quality which has not been too conspicuous in labor relations. Workers who have come to believe that they belong will act accordingly. They will be creative participants to an extent undreamed of under any conventional industrial arrangement."

"If we are ever to have labor peace, we must emphasize an incentive which is more important than money or power. That incentive lies in welcoming worker creativity, in recognizing the worker as a human being who stands ready to contribute to his own happiness and well being in the fullest possible way. That incentive lies in employer acceptance of moral responsibility and democratic sanctions."

"This is not a one-way street. Labor has obligations it must honor, just as management has duties it cannot escape. If we are to preserve free enterprise, we must have profits."

"But the way in which profits are made, and the way in which they are distributed, and the way in which worker and management find common ground for the enjoyment of fair rewards and the way in which they deal with each other, as fellows in a stirring endeavor or as bitter antagonists at each other's throat—that will determine whether we are to stay in the jungle or move to a higher ground of social and economic peace."

Wyoming's coal supply is said to be greater than that of any other state.



Washington.—J. H. Oldenbroek (center), secretary-general International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, smiles with AFL officials during luncheon in his honor of his first official visit to United States. L. to r., AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, AFL Vice-President Matthew Woll, chairman of the International Relations Committee; Mr. Oldenbroek, AFL International Representative George P. Delaney, and President William J. McSorley of the AFL Lathers Union.

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Voorhis Says Big Business Opposes Co-ops Because They're Democratic

Why does big business oppose co-operatives? Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A. and former congressman from California, presents the answer to this question simply when he says:

"Co-operatives decentralize the ownership of property—not personal property, but productive plant and commercial property. Co-operatives have dared to do this at the very moment when the country was apparently on the point of resigning itself to concentration of such ownership in the hands of a very few people and a handful of giant corporations.

"Co-operatives are just too confounded democratic; and what is even more serious, they are democratic institutions in the one field which democracy wasn't supposed to invade—the economic field. This is why co-operatives are under attack."

Businessmen are trying to break the back of the co-op movement because it means competition for them. And business wants monopoly despite all its talk about free enterprise.

Business seeks to arouse anti-co-op feeling by stating that the

co-ops don't pay taxes on their profits the way corporations do. And why don't co-ops pay taxes on profits? Simply because the co-ops themselves make no profits. All their "profits" go to their members in the form of patronage dividends. —(LLPE).

Flying Saucer Man Stumped

Des Moines, Ia.—Two things were in the news recently that stirred the Haunceman family no end. One was the story about the great pile of onions that an Iowa farmer was spreading on his land to plow under for fertilizer, the other was more controversy over flying saucers.

Chris Haunceman claims a flying saucer lit on his place. It was about 100 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick. It contained a man who looked like the men on this globe except that his forehead was much higher, indicating, so Chris said, "more brains."

So, Chris went on with his story, the man in the saucer smelled a rather pleasant smell and came down to find out what it was. The way he described it, there was no question but what it was the 3½ million onions, already in a state of decomposition. Chris took an onion from the sack under his kitchen table to verify the smell.

The man in the saucer couldn't figure out why the onions should not be consumed by the American hamburger eaters, but Chris tried to explain that the onions were surplus and wouldn't pay the freight to market. "What is 'surplus'?" the pilot of the saucer asked. "You see," Chris answered, "when a lot of people can't afford hamburgers with onions, there is a surplus."

Then the man from the other planet looked puzzled indeed. He really stumped Chris. "What is 'afford'?" he asked. "Where I come from the people eat what we raise and everybody has all he needs." From the way Chris told it they had quite a time trying to understand each other and finally the man with the high forehead got into his saucer and took off. Chris stood in his doorway and watched him go into the clouds out of sight.

Old Folks Need A Decent Job!

Rep. Helen Douglas (D., Calif.) believes Congress should do something about employment problems of older men and women.

She wants the House to set up a special committee to study this question. She says:

"Employment for older people is one of the fundamental problems of aging. Continuance on a job gives the older person status or recognition among his fellows, provides financial security . . . enables him to maintain his home and preserve his health . . . gives him something to do and opportunity to be with other people.

"From society's point of view, the employed older person is an economic asset, is a producer of goods or services needed by society, and is a more contented individual."

Mrs. Douglas points out that in many cases older persons are even better workers than young men and women.—(LLPE).

Makes A Point



Washington.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany emphasizes a point in speaking to AFL organizers. These are some of his points:

1. The nation has 40,000,000 unorganized workers who should be in unions.
2. They are losing \$2 to \$3 a day in wages by not being in the AFL.
3. Organized labor is the greatest force in making this nation the wealthiest.
4. Organize, Organize, Organize.
5. We have the potential political power to defend ourselves. We must get the votes.

850,000 Bldg. Trades Win '49 Pay Hikes

(Labor Dept. Release)

Washington, D.C.—Wage negotiations in the construction industry brought hourly rate increases to at least 850,000 workers in 1949, but provided few changes in supplementary wage benefits, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced.

Increases negotiated ranged from less than 4 cents to more than 30 cents an hour, with most workers receiving between 5 and 12½ cents. New or additional employers contributions to union health and welfare funds led among the supplementary benefits in the 1949 settlements, but only about 5 percent of the construction workers received such benefits. Other types of changes affected only a scattering of workers throughout the country.

The Bureau reviewed all settlements affecting 200 or more workers coming to its attention during the year from its own wage surveys, from press reports and other sources. Close to a million workers in all construction fields were involved in the settlements studied.

The average increase was approximately 10½ cents an hour. Regionally, the average varied from approximately 8½ cents in the far West to about 13 cents in New England. In the Midwest, the average increase was about 11 cents; in the South, 11½ cents; in the Middle Atlantic States, 12½ cents.

Significantly, many contracts covering 200 or more construction workers were renewed without charge, while some major agreements were not reopened in 1949. According to the information compiled by the Bureau, agreements affecting at least 140,000 workers were extended without an adjustment in wage scales, and only a small proportion of these workers received other types of benefits. Information is not available on the number of workers covered by contracts which did not expire or could not be reopened in 1949.

Supplementary wage benefits, other than health and welfare contributions, have not constituted as important a part of the construction industry's wage structure as they have in other industries, BLS pointed out. In 1949, paid holidays were established or increased for only about 2,000 workers, while an equally small number were affected by new or revised vacation plans. New or additional employer contributions for health and welfare plans covered approximately 58,000 workers. About 6,000 workers received an increase in 1949 were promised another increase in 1950 or 1951.

State Fed. Axes Tobacco Tax

(State Fed. Release)

With the defeat of the Dunn tobacco tax bill featuring its final hours, the 1950 special session of the state legislature adjourned last Saturday as legislators left Sacramento heat for the yet hotter atmosphere of primary campaigns.

Defeat of the tobacco tax measure, which had been introduced to raise funds for public school expansion, was largely due to the efforts of the California State Federation of Labor which insisted that such monies must be collected by means that would not impose another heavy financial burden on the consumer public.

In lieu of the tobacco tax, the legislature voted to draw approximately four and a half million dollars from the state general fund for education needs.

Other closing acts of the legislature were: (1) passage of the cost of living survey bill, which appropriates \$9,725 for a study of living conditions as they affect women and minors in California; (2) extension of child care centers for a nine months' period; (3) liberalization of the contribution schedule of the relative's responsibility clause of present pension laws; (4) acceptance of State Federation amendments to the bill outlawing slot machines by allowing the continued existence of legal pin ball machines and amusement devices. The manufacture and maintenance of such legal machines provide jobs for thousands of AFL workers in California.

Protecting Rights Demands a Fight

Washington.—Nelson H. Cruikshank, AFL director of social insurance activities, listed four individual rights whose preservation "demands tireless, unrelenting, vigilance and devotion."

He said these are (1) the individual's right to enjoy those rights common to others; (2) the right to follow his own lights; (3) the right to organize, and (4) the right to unbiased information.

"In many parts of the country the very right of workers to organize is threatened," Mr. Cruikshank told the U. S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

"Too large a portion of our energies," he said, "still have to be devoted to fighting such repressive measures as the Taft-Hartley Act as well as similar measures passed by many states which are designed for the purpose of denying working people the very right to participate in an economic organization of their own free choice."

Mr. Cruikshank said that this attack on the individual's right to organize and other rights "anywhere at any time constitutes a real threat to international cooperation."

Arms Landed

Washington.—Press reports called the general strike set by Communists in Naples, Italy, to protest the largest mercury mine in the world is the Almaden mine in Spain, which has been operated for over 2,000 years.

The landing of U. S. arms there under the Atlantic Treaty a "resounding failure."

At the same time dockworkers at Cherbourg, France, indicated they would handle incoming U. S. arms for France.

The AFL International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and International Transportworkers Federation are backing the free trade unions where Communists control dockworkers unions to assure delivery of arms to strengthen Europe against Russia aggression.

The fuel value of the edible portion of cabbage is 130 calories per pound, but as usually prepared for the market it is only 90 calories because of the parts discarded as waste.

U.S. Says Industry Grows Too Slowly To Cut Jobless

Washington.—Industry is expanding too slowly to prevent an increase in the number of unemployed persons in these United States.

The AFL said it months ago. Now President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers concurs.

The council reported to Congress that there was a general upswing in virtually every part of the national economy during the first quarter of 1950.

Leon Keyserling, acting chairman of the council, said that while the general gains were gratifying they did not reflect an economic growth sufficiently rapid to prevent a gradual annual increase in the numbers of unemployed.

"We are not getting the expansion in industry and investment that we need to absorb the steady increase in the labor force," Mr. Keyserling said. "That is a serious problem."

At the end of March production of all goods and services had reached an annual rate of \$258,000,000,000 in the first quarter, a gain of almost \$3,000,000,000 compared with the closing period of 1949.

Consumers' spendable income, or earnings after taxes, rose sharply during the quarter, mainly because of the dividend payments to veterans from the National Service Life Insurance Fund. Most of this, however, was not spent in the first quarter, according to the council.

Consumer spending reached the new high rate of \$181,000,000,000 annually, a gain of \$1,200,000,000 for the quarter. The report added that consumer savings were temporarily high, indicating that veterans were being prudent in spending their insurance dividend checks.

Profits of corporations were running at an annual rate of \$30,500,000,000, up \$1,000,000,000 compared with the last quarter of 1949.

The council estimated that national income (represented by dollars earned in production) stood at an annual rate of \$220,300,000,000 during the first quarter, a gain of \$1,200,000,000, reflective of higher wage earnings and profits.

The average personal income, after taxes, was estimated at an annual rate of \$1323 for every man, woman and child in the nation. The figure represents an increase of \$21 compared with 1948's record level. Construction in March was estimated at \$1,500,000,000, well above the figure for the corresponding period last year.

With an estimated 80,000 dwellings started in each of the three months of the first quarter, the council estimated that a new record in the number of new homes built had probably been established.

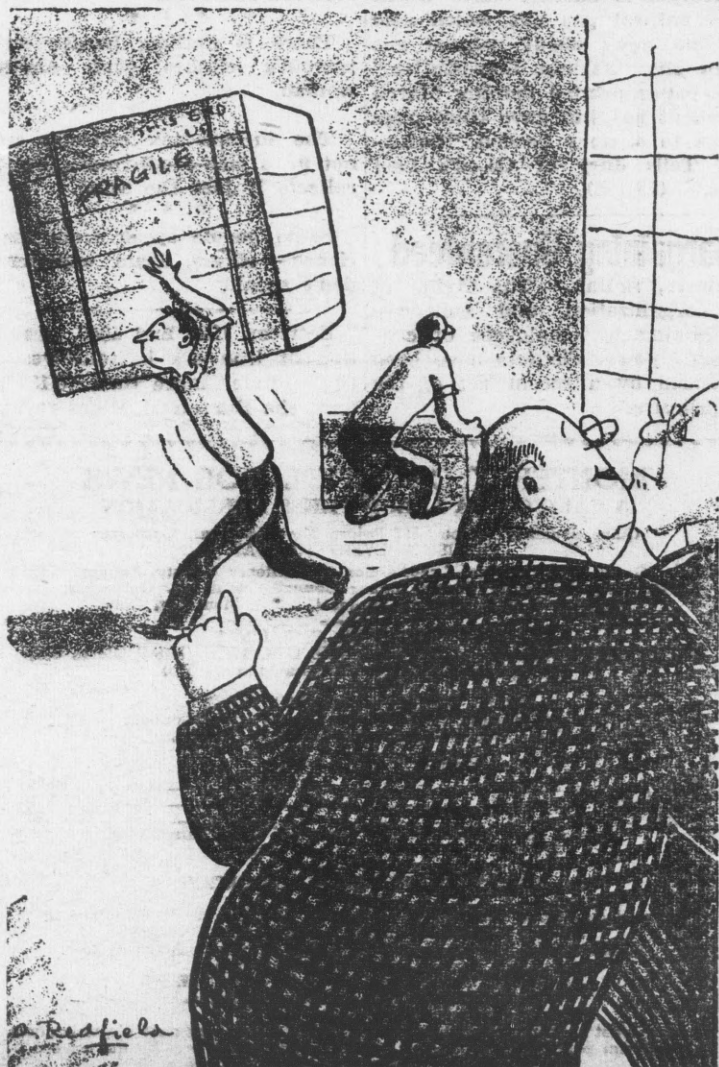
Exactly!

Detroit.—No one can claim that the housing shortage has been licked in this country so long as one of the largest segments of its population—those making from \$40 to \$60 a week—has not been taken care of. Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods told the Detroit Council for Better Housing.

U.S. ILO Head



Washington.—Thacher Winslow, assistant to the Undersecretary of Labor, has been appointed by David A. Morse, director-general of the International Labor Organization, as head of the United States branch office of ILO here.



"We started this system after an efficiency man analyzed plant procedure."

EDITORIALS

GET INTO PRIMARY

With June 6th getting nearer every day men and women of labor throughout California should put forth every effort to be fully prepared to pile up every vote they can influence for the candidates the Labor League for Political Education has endorsed. Only by casting a record-breaking vote at the primary is it possible to qualify the candidates desired by labor people in this state for the reason that politics in California has degenerated into a scramble for securing both nominations at our primaries. This is made possible by our cross filing system and an indifferent electorate, who has in past years passed up voting at the primaries with the result that too often the candidates they did not want got both nominations, thus leaving the stay-at-home voter nobody to vote for when election day rolled around, except the candidate he does not want.

In order to have our candidates on the ballot when November comes we must turn out in force at the primary and pile up enough votes to enable them to qualify. Fortunately for labor a heavy percentage of labor's voters are registered as Democrats as are the most important candidates entered in the primary. James Roosevelt, Helen Gahagan Douglas and George Miller are all registered as Democrats and must secure the high vote on this ticket in order to entitle them to a place on the ballot. Most of the Congressmen endorsed by labor are also registered Democratic, hence labor is in a good position to wage an effective campaign but must vote to do this.

POOR TIME FOR WAR

Evidently little enthusiasm is being developed for another world war at the present time. There are many reasons for not plunging headlong into another war embracing the world. Already over our ears in debt another war would increase our national debt to such staggering proportions that future generations would find themselves in hopeless bondage from the day they were born.

Wars have a way of accomplishing exactly the opposite of what was intended by those starting the shooting. Warfare has become so terrifically destructive that both sides entering a war today are certain to lose every day they continue their fighting. Usually the side that wins a large scale war today loses more in lives and material than the side that loses the war. This was true of World War II, also of World War I.

There are very few people who would profit by another world war and most of those who dream of great riches coming their way as a result of another such holocaust may be sadly disappointed this time. Instead of becoming fabulously wealthy they may end up penniless before another world war is over. So destructive has modern warfare become that nobody can be safe if another war should come. Neither life nor property can be secure anywhere, while most of our American liberties are liable to end up on the block of post-war hysteria that inevitably follows every large war.

MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS

In the chaos and confusion that seems to permeate our so-called foreign policy, just what do the promoters of bi-partisan maneuvering expect to accomplish by all their meddling in foreign countries? In pursuance of that policy billions were siphoned off into the laps of the grafters of Chiang Kai-Shek to help maintain a crumbling China. Eventually all that money was worse than wasted, as the revolution it was intended to halt keep spreading until now when Formosa seems all that remains of Nationalist China. Still there are people in Congress who want to dump still more money to further aid the Chinese nationalists.

Would it not be far better to spend more time attending to our own business? What purpose does it serve to keep on poking our noses into the affairs of foreign countries? To finance our various foreign ventures in both Asia and Europe we are developing a frightening deficit. Not only does this look bad but it is bad. It certainly is not making friends for us abroad, especially in those countries in which we are interfering. Would it not be far wiser to spend more of our time looking after affairs here in our own country? If we do a good job of minding our own business we should get a whole lot farther than we will ever get meddling with the internal affairs of foreign countries. Let us run our own country and let foreign lands run theirs.

You have an important date June 6th.

Roosevelt and Miller Join Up

Democratic National Committeeman James Roosevelt, candidate for Governor, and State Senator George Miller, Jr., Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, have joined forces for the balance of the 1950 campaign.

The move to coordinate the two campaigns was announced jointly by Roosevelt and Miller in Los Angeles.

"We have yielded to insistent demands from the rank and file of the Democratic Party of California and from the working people of this state that our separate but similar campaigns be joined in the interests of greater force and effectiveness," a joint statement declared. "We have fought for the same issues in the past, and we are continuing to fight for them now. The offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor must be held by men of the same convictions if the legislative program so desperately needed is to become reality and not just promises."

Roosevelt added: "George Miller's legislative record as an assemblyman and senator from Contra Costa County has stamped him as a man who really believes in and who always fights for the human rights embodied in the liberal philosophy of the Democratic Party. During this campaign, the people of California will develop the same trust and respect for George Miller that the residents of the San Francisco Bay area long have had."

"Those of us who have worked actively in the Democratic Party," said Miller, "know and love Jimmy Roosevelt as a fighter and a leader. As chairman of the State Central Committee from 1946 to 1948 and as national committeeman since 1948, he has worked day and night to build the strength of the party in California to its present high level. If any one man could be given credit for the gains of recent years, that man is Jimmy Roosevelt."

Separate Northern and Southern California headquarters will be maintained by each candidate in San Francisco and Los Angeles, but close cooperation will be maintained throughout the state, announced George Davis, San Francisco director of the Roosevelt campaign.

Look Who's A Socialist!

Mister Guy Gabrielsen says the one big issue of the 1950 political campaign is "liberty vs. socialism."

Mister Gabrielsen, who is serving as chairman of the Republican National Committee, screams that the American people want to stand on their own feet, that they don't want any such stuff as Government help, that the taxpayers are bent over like a hairpin because Uncle Sam has helped farmers, home-buyers, veterans and small business, and so on and so forth.

In his little lectures on how to go back to the Stone Age and how, according to his mind, Government help means socialism, Mister Gabrielsen has neglected to tell the public one thing:

In 1945 one of the country's biggest natural gas-producing companies started with \$18 million borrowed from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The name of the company is Carthage Hydrocol, Inc.

The head of Carthage Hydrocol is Mister Gabrielsen. —(LLPE)

246 End Rent Control

Chicago.—A total of 246 cities ended rent control by municipal action in the 12 months ending April 1, the American Municipal Assn. reported. Federal housing expediter Tighe Woods removed controls in another 517 cities, and six states either discontinued controls or set up their own machinery to replace federal regulation.

Bits Of Humor

Friend: "Don't you hate to be as old as 96, Uncle Joe?"
Uncle Joe: "Heck, no, bub—if I wasn't this old I'd be dead."

She (ending a quarrel): "I see now why a woman is often called a bird."

He (smartly): "Yes, because they are always on the lookout for crumbs."

She (quietly): "No, because of the worms they pick up."

Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with, year by year, and you will never be forgotten.—Chalmers.

"So you don't believe Smith's widow is as sorry as she lets on?"

"Well, when I gave her the \$50,000 insurance check, she stopped crying and said she'd cheerfully give \$5,000 of it to have him back."

Customer: "Gracious, can you make a living tuning pianos way out in this backwoods?"

Tuner: "Oh, sure—in slack times I tighten wire fences."

A sultan at odds with his harem, Thot of a way he could scarem.

He caught him a mouse, Set it loose in the house, And started the first harem-scarem.

"Gracious, Mrs. Jones, what did you do when Bobbie swallowed the half dollar?"

"Oh, it wasn't serious. My husband held him up by the heels and shook him, and out it came. You know, he works for the Bureau of Internal Revenue."

A woman is an awful thing— She will not pet without a ring— To some he-man she loves to cling

Until his sense and cash take wing, Then just watch her crown her king.

Head Waiter: "Would monsieur prefer Spanish, French or Italian cooking?"

Customer: "I don't mind—I want a boiled egg."

At a meeting of a Mothers' and Babes' Club one day, vote were cast to decide which was the most beautiful baby present. Each baby received one vote!

There is nothing harder on a woman's clothes than another woman.

The income tax collector may not be a jack-of-all-trades, but he collects it just the same.

Some people speak from experience—others, from experience, don't speak.

Between 1923 and 1946, production of iron ore in southwestern Utah totaled more than 10,139,999 tons, the Bureau of Mines reveals.

Sex and Murder Hit Page 1, But Gas Bill Ignored

Which is more important to you—

The trial of a college boy charged with murdering his co-ed sweetheart? Or the cost of natural gas to cook your meals and heat your home?

U.S. newspaper publishers think the co-ed murder trial is much more important than the price of natural gas. There's no sex in natural gas.

On March 29 the Senate passed the Kerr natural gas bill, 44 to 38. If this measure became law, it would mean higher gas bills for 24 million consumers in almost every state.

On that same day the United Press reported from Iowa City, Iowa: "Robert E. Bednasek, 24, testified today that he and Margaret 'Gee Gee' Jackson professed their love and kissed only a few minutes before his campus sweetheart met death from strangulation."

A spot check of March 30 newspapers shows:

The "Denver Post" devoted nine and a half inches to the natural gas story. The Iowa murder case took 20 inches.

Both "Gee Gee" and natural gas made the front page of the "Minneapolis Morning Tribune." But the murder story was told in great detail while a look at the short gas story confused, rather than informed, the reader.

The lead article in the "Chicago Daily News" was, "Benny's Own Story—Fall Killed Co-ed." Natural gas rated page 14.

The "Miami Herald," which boast it is "Florida's Most Complete Newspaper," allotted four inches to natural gas—and a couple of pages to news and ads of night clubs.

The "Indianapolis Star," which says it's "Fair and First," ignored the natural gas story. Indiana is a big gas-consuming state.

Georgia is another state which uses natural gas but which also got no news about natural gas from the "Atlanta Constitution." The paper printed nothing March 30 about gas, but gave front page space to a story headed, "Bednasek Tells Jury of Co-ed's Last Kiss."—(LLPE).

Bargaining Guaranteed

Pierre, S. Dak.—The rights of self-organization and collective bargaining by employees of consumers' power districts have been extended by a recent act of the Legislature.

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The Rich At Play, And Workers Toil —the day will come

By FRANK F. ADAMEC
(Reprinted from AFL Painters Journal)

For the fellow who knows and understands, it is easy to figure the why of all of the hilarious singing and fond planning of the top boys in economics and politics on their staying put at the top of their respective heaps. There, in their security, those top lads are seen to extend a mere lip-service to serious words and to serious thinking.

Such a knowing man must feel that all butter and egg men and playboys may even invite all of the world-wise men with their material knowledge to come to them, to talk to them, to lead them until the listeners are quite certain that any attempt at easing things for the common toiler in the present economic set-up will never materialize. However, the top boys with all of their world-wise helpers hardly planned on being eventually pushed off the perch. They hardly planned on a loss of all security.

Rather, those surety boys at the top feel sure that any attempt at socializing economics and politics by the workers is the nuts, that static is sure to follow close on the heels of any such attempt. In fact, the top boys, so advised by the world-wise crew called in, are quite certain that the worker can never see any real change. Not the kind that means a general leveling.

And so those top lads continue to feel that the worker knows on which side his bread is buttered, and by whom. With this bit of bright reasoning put away into the deep-freeze, the top boy is sure that eventually all of the workers' eggs will repose in one basket, there to be broken by the big feet of the playboys.

WON'T SWALLOW THIS
Such a grand dream is not new to the man who knows and understands. This fellow knows that the workers, as a whole, will hardly subscribe to such a dream. The fellow knows that workers will not, in this day and age, swallow all of the fond hopes entertained above, for those of another work-a-day life have been spoken to by wise men who thus inscribed their names deeply on the pages of democratic history. These names mean more to the toiler of the present day than do any others in economics or politics.

In fact, the worker of today has learned from others about labor having priority over capital. Thus the worker will hardly string along with the old line. He is sure to think on how come his bread is buttered and by whom. And so, that worker can not be expected to have faith in the fat fellow who claims to be responsible for the bread and butter on the worker's breakfast table. That worker knows that he's earned his bread and butter. He will hardly credit any fat fellow for claiming to do as much. This opinion is passed along to the surety boys for what it is worth. Not by any scribe, but rather by the boys who produce. These are the lads to be reckoned with on that eventual day.

And that day will surely roll along as the fellow who sees a better time ushered in for the deserving toiler hopes it will.

That lad knows that there are goodly groups of courageous men in the great, human family willing to stand up to be counted as being against the perpetuating of the system that advises men to continue to give still more to those who have a great plenty and so little attention showered on those making up the human element.

KICKED AROUND ENOUGH
These courageous fellows have had their share of pushing about. They should not be asked to absorb any more economic slams. In short, this group should not be asked to hold still while it is being tied. This group knows that many of the so-called clever boys have

had their day in the driver's seat where they took full advantage of all considerations given, making the ride soft and easy. Perhaps for these reasons, so generally known to all workers, the group of courageous fellows means to put a stop to all of these unfair practices. At least the whole world may know that these boys are quite fed up with mere fancy words. They don't seem to like the fare.

KICK THE TRACES

Some day they'll induce the rest to kick over the traces in goodly numbers. They will, at least, throw a huge scare into the surety lads. Then it may do very little good for the butter and egg playboy to try to retaliate. That boy has made enough enemies. But that fat, well-fed boy at the top could well afford to take stock of his assets, perhaps think up a few new gags, or, in case it is not too late, the diets of the mites may be changed.

Too much of the same thing, the top lads should know, has made quite a dull boy out of the common toiler. As a result of all of this funny-business, the mite was forced into doing a bit of thinking, at least so in recent years. The boy thus comes up with the bright idea that his back has been bent long enough.

Naturally, the smart boys will come across with the old stuff to be able to put off the coming of the inevitable day or moment.

However, this old palaver will not slide down the gullet as easily as it once did. The common worker thus means to call a halt to the old game.

In this gesture the boy refuses to be satisfied with the old tripe about how well-off he is than are the workers elsewhere. The common fellow with his workers' hands can not be expected to feel sorry for the fat boy with his fat profits. That feeling is definitely out, at least so, with the playboys of today.

THE GREEDY CREW

Yet, when one views the whole thing, it would not be so nice to throw the entire book, covers and all, at the playboys. These boys feel that they have their lives to live out, so why object to that? Still, there are millions of other workers, organized and unorganized, who insist on getting a share out of the whole set-up. These men and women must be satisfied somehow.

Even the gentle Sam Gompers hated the greedy crew who took so much from the workers, leaving them hardly enough to live on. No, the greedy crew can not be white-washed, sent out clean. Something must be done to make the greedy ones see the error of their way, to make them recognize their responsibility to man. Greed of man can not drive men on to take still more from the toiler. That would hardly be right or honest. It would, in short, be standing in the same old rut, which is hardly in line with the present-day aspirations.

Changes are bound to come. And in case one isn't ready, well, one is apt to be hurt, or at least badly bent. All of the shouting and orating in the halls of legislature about the virtue of some particular phase of life will be of little use.

Men and women have organized into the millions. They have learned to think and to read. They

Big Ads Scream "Socialism;" Cover Up Profits

Pick up most any big magazine or daily newspaper these days and you're apt to find an ad proclaiming:

"Would you like to live in Socialist America? Most Americans wouldn't. But there's a real danger that we will—whether we want it or not."

The ad is paid for by the private utilities. They're trying to make you believe that the Federal Government is wrecking them.

But pick up, say, "The Wall Street Journal" and you find statements like this:

"Preliminary estimates of electric utility operations for the first three months of this year indicate that net income for the period was the highest for any first quarter in the industry's history, amounting to approximately \$230 million. This is 9 per cent above net income of \$210 million reported for the first quarter of 1949."

This certainly is a funny kind of Socialism, isn't it?—(LLPE).

To Discuss Deficit

Washington.—AFL Vice President W. C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, will discuss the anti-labor policies of the U. S. Post Office Department based on the annual deficit in a radio broadcast over Mutual Broadcasting System at 10:45 p.m. EST April 27. Participating will be Sen. Olin D. Johnson of South Carolina and Rep. Robert J. Corbett of Pennsylvania.

have sat by the hour and listened to their leaders tell them how much power they have and what they may do with it.

It may be quite some time before a just distribution of the world's wealth is accomplished. Perhaps the clever ones with huge ambitions for themselves and theirs will continue to throw the entire economic set-up out of gear. The time must come, however, when all will be properly adjusted.

Then may come other clever fellows to turn over the bones and whatever is left to wonder how come that so many could merely play about while others toiled.

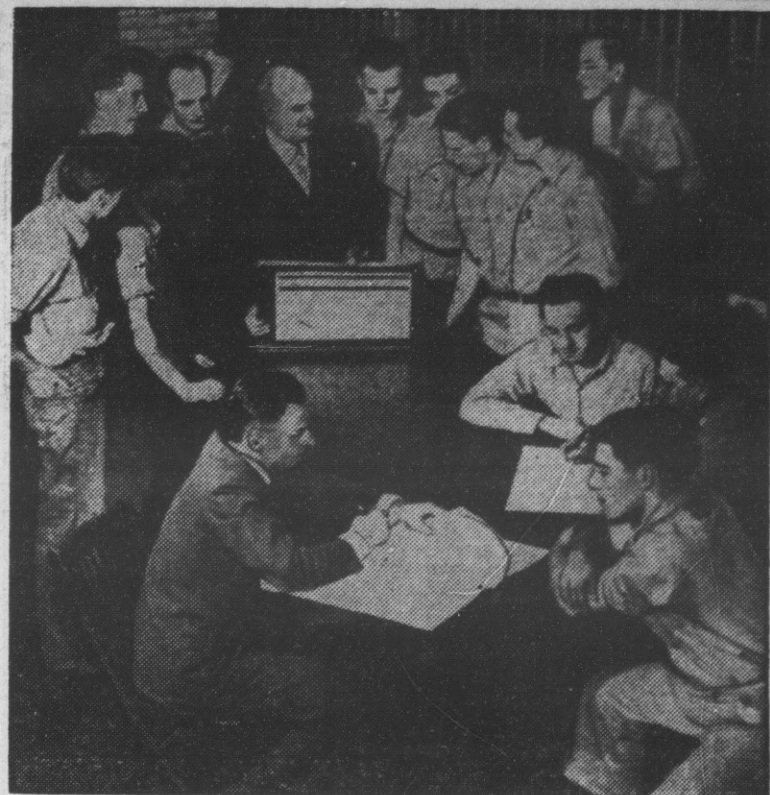
Those future fellows may ponder as to why so many allowed one single fellow the power of life and death over anyone, without question, without objection as to justice and fairness. Even the playboys and butter and egg men of today would hardly ask a return of those days. Ask some of them to find out how they feel in the matter.

THIN BUT POTENT

The thread by which the butter and egg man holds onto his lush take from the worker of today may be very thin, but it is a very potent affair. This is so mainly because of the assortment of the many so-called democrats, dixerats and republicans doing a masterful job of holding out exemptions for any fellow with a yen for the top spot.

The heart of the average man has as yet been untouched by the many appeals that have gone out. Yet the heart of those fellows is the target. At least all advocates of eventual world peace intend to take a pot-shot at it. That heart must be fully reached and captured before any lasting progress can be made. A greater element must have the choice of accepting or rejecting.

If this is not to be, then man may as well fold his tent and move on. This seems to be the fond hope of the playboys. They are due to meet up with a keen disappointment, because the boys and gals in the work-a-day world are not banded together for the fun of it. Those organized men and women are determined to go places, not exactly a potters' field, even if they must stick together a bit longer to push some old seat-warmer off his perch and get rid of some useless butter and egg man.



CENSUS GETS ITS MAN—To make sure that the 1950 census is accurate, the government is reaching just about everyone possible. Here a census taker interviews prisoners at the Cook county jail in Chicago. Warden Chester Fordney (dark suit, background) waits his turn with the inmates.

CAR FINANCING A HUGE RACKET

Lansing, Mich.—When a professor at Michigan State College had to pay \$210 financing charges on a \$1720 car which he paid for in full in 30 days that started a public investigation. The Cooperative League of the USA reports an estimate that car finance sharks are extorting \$25,000,000 a year out of Michigan car purchasers in this way. There was a temporary blaze of publicity.

"But much less publicity," says the league, "has been brought on the quiet but effective solution to much of this and other abuse by small loan operators—and that is financing through credit unions."

Had the professor used an established credit union he would have been charged only 1 per cent a month on his unpaid balance. For the 30 days he needed to pay for his car the credit union would have charged him 1 per cent, or \$17.20 instead of the \$210 he actually paid to the sharks. Half of Michigan's 327 credit unions make auto loans to members.

Amalgamated Local 724 Federal Credit Union earned 6 per cent for its members in each of the past two years. It paid a 3 per cent dividend, the members voting to put the other 3 per cent in the reserve fund. The local is the first amalgamated union to receive a federal credit union charter. It has made a hit in Lansing.

NAM Idea Worse

The National Association of Manufacturers went Robertson one worse. It told the subcommittee that the bill should apply not only to essential industries, but to substantial restraint of trade in any commodity. Again, what does "substantial" mean?

But the NAM probably was only spelling out what really is in the Senator's mind: Wreck the unions so each worker will be at the mercy of his boss.

Of course, the Robertsons, Tafts, Byrds and others of their ilk are not really afraid of labor monopolies. As Peter Henle, an AFL economist, wrote in The American Federationist last month:

"When many people talk about 'labor monopoly,' they are simply using this convenient scare phrase to mean 'organized labor has become too powerful.' They do not wish to be placed in the position of arguing against unionism as such, so instead they talk about how the 'power' which unions have acquired has turned them into 'monopolies.'"

"It is only through unionism," Henle continued, "that the worker is able to bargain collectively, but the influence he exerts through unionism only serves to offset the employer's previously acquired monopoly power (to set wage rates). The union does not become the monopoly."—The League Reporter.

Co-Op Housing Not 'Dead Issue'

New York.—Provisions for a home-building program for the middle income group through co-operatives and other non-profit organizations is not a "dead issue," Senator John Sparkman, Democrat of Alabama, told members of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

These provisions are deleted from the housing bill which was passed by Congress and sent to President Truman. The AFL fought vainly to have these provisions included.

The leading figure in Congress in the unsuccessful effort to enact the cooperative provisions, Senator Sparkman said he is convinced that the country will get this type of legislation "sooner or later." He said Congress will provide more assistance for housing unless private industry does it.

Defending the middle income measure against charges of "inflation" and "socialism," Senator Sparkman said opposition was centered on this section, although a new section, almost as liberal as it, was passed. He was referring to Section 213, which authorizes the Federal Housing Administration to insure loans to cooperatives.

The provisions of this section provide loan limits of \$8,100 per unit, or \$1,800 per room, up to \$5,000,000; provided the amount is not in excess of 90 percent of the cost, or is not in excess of 95 percent of the cost where 65 percent of the cooperators are veterans, in which case the mortgage limit may be raised to \$8,550 per unit, or \$1,900 per room.

The new housing program will insure a continuation of the high volume of construction, particularly residential, according to Franklin D. Richards, commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration. One of the most significant features of the bill, he said, is the provision for a greater volume of new small homes. This will be especially true, he said, in small communities, which have received a disproportionate share of new housing in the last few years.

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Helen Douglas Addresses Meet Of Bartenders

Helen Gahagan Douglas, Congresswoman and candidate for U. S. Senate, was visitor and speaker at the meeting last week of Monterey Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483. Other speakers included Fred S. Farr, attorney and Democratic leader, and Burr Scott, county district attorney.

Local 483 was to begin actual negotiations with employer representatives this week for a new union agreement. Talks will include discussion of a five-day work week. International union approval to the contract demands of Local 483 has been received, according to Secretary George L. Rice.

Bob Harrington, vice president of Local 483, assumed the presidency last week, succeeding Charles Osterloh, who resigned. Elected vice president in a special election was Wayne Cantu.

AFL Hopes Housing Boom Continues

Washington.—The AFL hopes the 1950 housing boom will continue.

Labor's Monthly Survey said there are two reasons:

1. Even last year's record fell short of the 1,500,000 new homes the AFL estimates are needed each year until 1960 to overcome the housing shortage.

2. Housing construction creates needed jobs.

Home building in 1950 thus far has been the "most spectacular in history," according to the U. S. Labor Department. In January and February, 160,000 new homes were started, an increase of 60 per cent above the same months last year. A rush to get new apartment houses started before the expiration of government mortgage guarantees on March 1 combined with unusually mild winter weather in many parts of the country, account for a large part of this housing boom, and no one can yet tell whether the boom will continue.

More than 1,000,000 new non-farm homes were started. This was an all-time record, above the previous peak of 937,000 in 1925. The Labor Department estimated last November that about 900,000 new homes would be started in 1950 and has not changed its estimate; but if the boom continues when the spring season opens, this estimate will have to be revised upward by mid-year.

"We hope it will," said the survey.

The housing shortage today is particularly serious for middle income families—those with \$2000 to \$3750 a year. Most union members are in this group, which includes 40 per cent of all American families. These families have incomes too high to be eligible for admission to the low-rent public housing projects being provided under the Housing Act of 1949, yet they cannot afford the high price of most homes being built today. And Congress slapped this group in the face again by refusing to guarantee loans for decent cooperative housing in the 1950 housing bill.

He's Not Worried About Unemployment

Seattle.—An unemployment figure of 7% of the nation's work force doesn't bother Ralph J. Cordiner. Main reason he's not worried is because he has a job as executive vice president of the General Electric Co.

Cordiner assured reporters here that such a jobless figure is not "worrisome" to business executives like himself. GE did a whopping \$1.6 billion volume last year and expects an even bigger take in 1950, he said.

Walker, Rice Given State LLPE Support

Marion R. Walker, Democratic candidate for Congress to succeed anti-labor Congressman Ernest K. Bramlett, and George L. Rice, Democratic candidate for State Assembly against incumbent James Silliman, were given official endorsement of the California State Labor League for Political Education at last week's convention in San Francisco.

Delegates listed from Monterey County to the convention included Joe Perry, president of the Monterey labor council and member of Fish Cannery Workers Union; Rice, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483; John Crivello, secretary of AFL Fishermen's Union; Garold Miller, secretary of Salinas labor council; Neil Goodwin, organizer of Retail Clerks Union 839, and Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary Alliance 467.

Also endorsed by the State LLPE were: James Roosevelt, for governor; George Miller, Jr., for lieutenant governor, and Helen Gahagan Douglas, for U. S. senator.

Largest Union Research Dept.

"The United Auto Workers' research department is large for a union—the largest in the country," the union says, "but even the smaller corporations have more people employed on labor problems than the UAW-CIO research department."

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Senate Committee Finishes Hearings On Social Security

How is social security legislation doing? Here's the situation: The Senate Finance Committee has completed hearings on proposals to extend and expand social security. The committee now is holding discussion on the legislation almost daily.

The senators probably will agree on a bill within a month. The measure undoubtedly will make some improvements in the present program. But the committee likely will not support a measure good enough to meet all needs of the workers of the nation.

The Senate will begin consideration of the legislation soon after the committee issues its recommendations. Senate debate may last two to three weeks.

PG&E Taxes Here Total \$371,000

Property taxes paid in Monterey County during 1950 by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. totaled \$271,732, 4.71 per cent of all property taxes levied in the county, according to Division Manager T. E. Ward. Federal, state and local taxes totaled \$40,278,307, Ward added, of which \$21,938,204 was for local government in California.

Total taxes of all kinds in Monterey County totaled \$924,415, including \$158,418 in Salinas. The property taxes include \$180,457 for schools, \$121,321 for county government, \$46,765 for city government, \$23,189 for other districts. Ad valorem taxes in Salinas amounted to \$77,840, including \$21,624 for city government, \$21,624 for county government, \$31,708 for schools, \$2884 for other districts.

Rice Stronger in Assembly Race, Says SLO Leader

George L. Rice, Democratic candidate for the State Assembly, has grown tremendously in political stature since he campaigned for the same office in 1948, in the opinion of Mayor Timothy O'Reilly of San Luis Obispo, who heard Rice address the San Luis Obispo Democratic Club.

Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union, has been endorsed officially for the assembly by the California Labor League for Political Education. He seeks election in the 33rd district, including Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, and has cross-filed.

O'Reilly pointed out that Rice has become much better known throughout the district than was the case two years ago, and has begun a vigorous campaign for nomination at the June 6 primary and the November 7 general election.

The campaign was kicked off March 30 when James Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for governor, barnstormed through Monterey County and later attended a Jackson-Jefferson Day dinner in Carmel. The tour took the candidates from King City through the southern end of Monterey County and to Salinas, then Alisal, Monterey, and Seaside.

March 31 Rice filed on both Democratic and Republican tickets, with Dr. A. J. Hart, Rancho Agujito, as his Republican verification deputy, and T. A. Dorney, Monterey, as his Democratic verification deputy.

Rice toured San Luis Obispo County briefly on April 3 and 4 and received the endorsement and a pledge of full support from the San Luis Obispo Democratic Club at that time. He was due to return to San Luis Obispo County this week.

Attorney John F. Runner of San Luis Obispo has been appointed campaign manager for Rice in that county. T. A. Dorney is Monterey County campaign manager.

Endorsements for Rice to date include: Oliver J. Carter, State Democratic Central Committee; Monterey County Labor League for Political Education, A. F. of L.; United Democrats of Monterey County; San Luis Obispo Democratic Club; San Luis Obispo County Democratic Central Committee; Carmel Democratic Women's Club.

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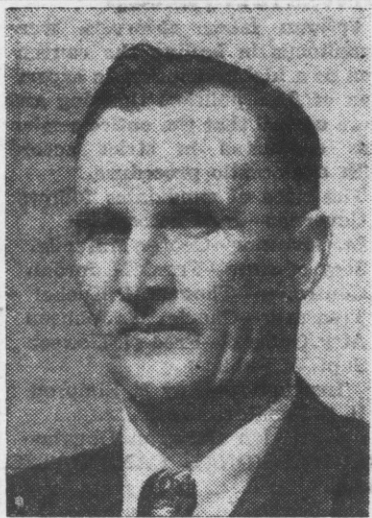
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N.Y. Bricklayers Get First Pension Plan

New York.—A two-year contract providing for no wage increases and for a pension plan which will become effective in nine months has been agreed to by Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers Intl. Union (AFL). The pension plan is reportedly the first won by bricklayers in any part of the U.S.

Covering 8,000 bricklayers in seven locals in New York City, Nassau County and part of Suffolk County, the new agreement announced April 17 becomes effective June 1, 1950, and will run until May 31, 1952. Negotiations were completed six weeks before the present contract expires May 31.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1951, a pension fund will be set up, jointly controlled by employers and the union. The employers will contribute 10c an hour into the fund for each bricklayer covered by the agreement. Details on the amount of the pensions will be worked out before the end of the year.

The new contract was signed by representatives of the union and the Building Contractors and Mason Builders Assn. Another feature of the pact, applicable only to its second year, provides that if the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Ewing Explains

Washington.—Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing assured state and municipal employees that he shares their desire to protect their existing retirement plans in any extension of the federal old-age and survivors insurance system.

"We consider it fundamental," Mr. Ewing said, "that no language in the Social Security Act amendments should impair any existing rights under established pension plans. Our aim is simply to open the doors to federal old-age and survivors insurance so that those state and local workers who have no present protection, or whose protection is inadequate, can come into this basic nation-wide system if they wish. At the same time, we must completely protect existing rights under the established pension plans, and we would not want to sacrifice this principle even if that were the only way to bring other such workers into the social security program."

cost-of-living index for May 1951 shows an increase of more than 10% over the May 1950 index, the workers will receive an increase in their current wage rate of \$3.20 an hour equal to the percentage rise above the 10%.

Detroit Bldg. Trades Win 10½c, 12½c Raises

Detroit.—A cash wage increase pattern was set for AFL building trades unions in metropolitan Detroit April 13 when nine construction locals won raises ranging from 10½c to 12½c an hour, effective May 1. The gains came through negotiations with the Associated General Contractors and are good for one year.

Bricklayers, winning 12½c, will get \$2.75 an hour. Plumbers and building laborers also got 12½c. Semi-skilled building workers got a 10½c raise.

Other AFL crafts are expected to win corresponding increases.

\$5 a Week Boost

Washington.—A \$5-a-week pay boost for 1,400 Safeway and Acme store clerks in the Washington area was negotiated by AFL Retail Clerks Local 639-A.

The new scales to run until Dec. 2, 1952, with a wage reopening on Dec. 2, 1950, will range from \$50.50 to \$64.50 a week. Part-time employees get a 12-cent-an-hour boost.

Raises from \$5 to \$7.50 per week for retail bakery clerks employed by the Giant food stores in the Washington area were negotiated by AFL Retail Clerks Local 1501.

Strong State Labor Ticket

(Continued from Page 1) tive council of the LLPE with the addition of officers from AFL councils and local political leagues throughout California.

Keynote speaker was Joseph D. Keenan, national director of Labor's League for Political Education. Keenan warned that labor must vote in full force in 1950 if it would protect its rights in Congress and in the various state legislatures. He condemned the alliance of southern Democrats and reactionary Republicans as the greatest threat to the welfare of the nation today.

Convention action also confirmed selection of district area candidates made by local units of the state political league. This involved confirmation of aspirants for such local offices as State Assembly, Senate, Board of Equalization, and United States Congress.

The delegates also voted unanimous approval of state Proposition No. 1, which will be judged in the June 6 election. It voted no action on Proposition No. 2, and referred No. 3 to the League secretary for further study.

CONVENTION PRAISED

Veteran labor observers were unanimous in hailing the convention as a highly democratic expression of AFL political thinking and were agreed that the entire session was conducted in strict accord with democratic procedure.

The slate of candidates follows: Governor—James Roosevelt
Lt. Governor—George Miller Jr.
Secy. of State—Frank M. Jordan
Controller—Thomas H. Kuchel
Treasurer—Charles G. Johnson
Atty. General—Fred N. Howser
Supt. of Public
Instruction—Roy E. Simpson
U. S. Senator—
.....Helen Gahagan Douglas

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

- District
- 1 Roger Kent
 - 2 No recommendation
 - 3 William A. Ford
 - 4 Franck R. Havenner
 - 5 John F. Shelley
 - 6 George P. Miller
 - 7 Lyle E. Cook
 - 8 Arthur Johnson
 - 9 Cecil F. White
 - 10 Ardis Walker
 - 11 Marion R. Walker
 - 12 Steve Zetterberg
 - 13 Gordon Severance
 - 14 Samuel Yorty
 - 15 Harry Flannery
 - 16 Esther Murray
 - 17 Cecil R. King
 - 18 Clyde Doyle
 - 19 Chet Holifield
 - 20 Ralph Hilton
 - 21 Harry R. Sheppard
 - 22 William C. Sclape
 - 23 Clinton D. McKinnon

STATE BOARD OF

EQUALIZATION

- District
- 1 George R. Reilly
 - 2 James H. Quinn
 - 3 Jerrold L. Seawell
 - 4 William G. Bonelli

PROPOSITIONS

No. 1—AYE vote.

Veterans Farm and Home Bonds. This proposition authorizes issue and sale of one hundred million dollars in state bonds to provide funds to be used by Veterans Welfare Board in assisting California war veterans to acquire farms and homes.

No. 2—No action.

Veterans' Possessory Interests. This proposition authorizes the legislature to prescribe the extent of tax exemption for farm or home being purchased by veteran from Veterans Welfare Board.

No. 3—Referred to Secretary with power to act, after consultation with union affected.

Financing of Off-Street Parking. This proposition authorizes cities or other public bodies to pledge parking meter income as security for the payment of revenue bonds issued to finance construction or acquisition of public parking lots, garages, or other automotive parking facilities.

Note: Also approved was a proposition which will be on the November ballot providing for reorganization of the state courts. This measure was presented to the interviewing committee for approval by Chief Justice Gibson of the State Supreme Court.

For Women Only

By POLLY EDISON (for LLPE)

MECHANICS NOW

Can you fix a leaky faucet? Lucky grandma. She was considered a good housewife if she could sew a straight seam and fix a passable dinner. And every year the housewife of today needs to know more and more about machinery, psychiatry, fabrics, politics, insecticides and whatnot.

A booklet put out by the Dept. of Agriculture the other day suggests a woman should be ashamed of herself unless she can repair a frayed electric cord, change a fuse, stop a faucet leak, replace radio tubes, overhaul a doorbell, and know the best finish for floors. Poor us!

LET JOHN DO IT

Ever stop to think that shirking responsibility is bad for the health? According to Dr. Brook Chisholm, noted psychiatrist who heads the World Health Organization, shrugging off responsibility and "letting John do it" is one of our worst mental health practices.

"We've done too much shirking—for our country's good and for our own mental health," he says. "Responsibility is something we need to accept and show our children how to accept."

THRIFTY PEOPLE

It impresses us to learn that more than half the nation's "spending units" are positive savers, put away some of their income for the future. Oddly enough, the income group which saves the most—percentage-wise, that is—is in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year bracket.

"Dis-savers," or units which spend more than they make, have grown in other groups since the war but not in that intermediate income bracket. Not all "dis-savers" have been squandering their money, of course. Many have been buying the goods they saved up for—and that can be thrifty, too.

As a nation—savers or no—we're still way over on the credit side of the ledger, economists say.

THE ROSY GLOW

Don't you dread that first look in the mirror every morning? We do. Maybe there's hope yet, however. A paint expert says a way to look and feel "in the pink" is to have your bathroom painted a luscious pale rose. Supposedly that is good psychology. You look better, so you start feeling better.

NEW LOOK IN HOUSES

The new style ranch house is sweeping the country. It's more popular now than that longtime American favorite, the Cape Cod cottage.

The basement is disappearing just like the dining room did and nearly every new home is apt to have a picture window these days. Experts say picture windows are overdone. They advise: don't have one just because it's stylish. Skip it unless it's going to frame a view.

POLICE YOUR WORDS

Prejudice is a miserable weed. Once it gets started, it's hard to uproot.

Best way to keep it out of your yard is to police your words. Parents especially. When speaking of others, be sure you don't belittle them because of race or religion. Your children will repeat what you say, be guided by it.

WOMEN FOR OFFICE

Says Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, currently running for the Senate: "I do advocate women becoming candidates for public office on every level of government from the ward and precinct to the very top."

Incidentally the number of women representatives in state legislatures has increased from 29 in 1917 to 217 in 1949. Percentage-wise it is now twice as high as in Congress. The trend is certainly upward.

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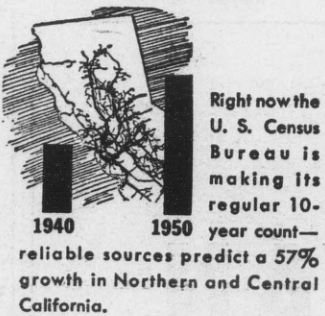
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